

## Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	<b>Redding Main Library (Shasta County Library) 1014</b>	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	<b>26,083</b>
<i>Applicant</i>	<b>Shasta, County of</b>	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	<b>55,000</b>
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	<b>Shasta County Library</b>	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	<b>80,865</b>
<i>Project Type</i>	<b>New Library</b>	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	<b>2/13/2004</b>
<i>Project Priority</i>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	<b>\$19,003,024</b>
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	<b>Joint Venture</b>	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	<b>\$11,549,216</b>
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	<b>NO</b>		
<i>Leased Site:</i>	<b>NO</b>		

### **Bond Act Factors** [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	<b>Rated</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Urban/Rural:</i>		<b>[see map]</b>
<i>Population Growth:</i>		<b>170%</b>
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		<b>Yes</b>
<i>Age and Condition of Existing Library:</i>	<b>Poor Condition ( = Very Good )</b>	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	<b>Very Good</b>	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate technology:</i>	<b>Very Good</b>	
<i>Appropriateness of Proposed Site:</i>	<b>Outstanding</b>	
<b>Overall Rating:</b>		<b>Very Good</b>

### **Summary of Review Panel Comments**

**Population Growth** 170.3%

**Age and Condition of Existing Facility** The existing library was built in 1963 and was remodeled in 1975. Major deficiencies of the current facility: Asbestos; overcrowding; inadequate technology infrastructure; and lack of ADA compliance. Improving the library's structural condition and bringing the facility into ADA compliance would eliminate a large amount of space in a building that was designed to serve 1/4 of the population projected for '20. The parking lot is at a steep grade from the building, causing hazardous conditions for some pedestrians.

**Needs of Residents/Response of Proposed Project to Needs** The needs assessment involved all segments of community, revealing almost equal percentages of those under 19 and those over 55 years. Service limitations identified include lack of programming space; insufficient staff work areas, causing spill-over into public areas; inaccessible meeting room; and inadequate technology infrastructure.

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The plan of service emphasizes services to children, but the percentage of seniors is almost equal to the student population. There are no specific services targeted to this segment of the population. Service indicators are well done, but the plan doesn't include an implementation plan. Descriptions of services are not detailed enough. The joint venture service is a joint database/circulation system with four high schools, planning eventually to incorporate all schools in the district. Phase Two will allow workstations (OPAC's) in each school in remote areas and delivery service from online reserves. Needs of 0-5, elementary and middle school students is addressed with study rooms, separate spaces for parents and children, computer workstations, and study spaces.

The building program follows the plan of service. Areas, adjacencies and other spatial relationships are well defined.

The conceptual plans adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program.

Joint use agreement: Shared Electronic/Telecommunications The joint database/shared circulation system concept has a great deal of merit, and, if it is eventually extended to all schools, will be of great benefit to the entire county's public school population. The agreement is in actuality an interlibrary loan agreement that is enhanced to include a shared bibliographic and circulation database, none of which is dependent on the applicant's receiving a grant to construct the new library. The commitment of the parties to the need for the joint venture services and intent to pursue a long-term partnership is not apparent. Funding is mentioned in general terms, and there is no modification or review process for the services provided.

**Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology** The plan incorporates flexibility to adapt and incorporate current and future technologies, including laptops, wireless technology, Internet access, self-checkout, public access computers, and workstations with wire/management systems. The number of PCs available for the public will be greatly increased (72), and access to online information resources will be increased. Clientele will be able to bring their own laptop PCs to the library and connect to library resources.

**Appropriateness of Proposed Site** The site is accessible by automobile, mass transit, and a network of walking/biking trails. It is located well for both the function as Redding's local library and the county's main library. The library is part of the neighborhood revitalization plan and is located near two elementary schools.

**Financial Capacity** The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.